

Town of
Matthews
North Carolina
Matthews Veterans Advisory Committee



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Remote Meeting

August 5th 2020

Minutes

All participants met remotely

Chairperson Tom Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. It was noted the meeting was held remotely due to social distancing requirements of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Mecklenburg County Stay at Home Order.

Quorum: Seven of ten members were present: Peter Chryst, Jim Thurman, Larry Stawicki, Jack Santaniello, Michael Vento, Charleen Thompson, and Tom Cannon. Not present were Fred Baylor, James Fuller and Doug Rose. Tonya McGovern was also present. Visitors were William (Bill) Campbell and Mark Tofano.

Minutes Approval: The Minutes for the July 1st, 2020 were approved unanimously with the Jack Santaniello making the motion.

Treasurers Report: Jack Santaniello gave his report. Fund Balance after purchase of flags and poles for Stumptown Park Veterans Memorial is \$5051.85.

Unfinished Business:

1. Flags for Stumptown Park Veterans Memorial have been ordered and are ready for pick up from Condor Flags.
2. US Service Flag project is now being revisited again. Peter is looking into finding some different spots for the flags and perhaps smaller flags. Larry suggested calling Public Works and see what kind of flags they are using and if they know of spots for ours.
3. Veteran of the year Doug sent his report in ahead of meeting to Tom. He has spoken with Mark Tofano and Bill Campbell to help get word out for nominations. He is working with Lori Canapino to get the information online. Some discussion was had about whether nominees should be asked if they accept nomination and



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whether the nominees should be kept property. Decided it's an honor to be nominated so not a secret but should make sure they accept the nomination.

a. MVAC Trifold: Larry has made the corrections to the Trifold. Inside the scan code for cell phones for events would be replaced by access to Atrium Health Aaron Harpers veteran's activities, Mecklenburg County VSO, and Veterans Bridge Home. There were no needed changes to the MVAC Ten Reasons to Hire a Veteran.

5. Colors Flown for a Day. We need a bit more information on timing for each and how to do it is needed. Charleen is going to make out a description of plan to present to Mayor.

New Business:

1. Chair has not been able to get in touch with Fred Baylor or James Fuller. Tom asked that some other members try to reach out.
2. Guest Mark Tofano spoke about the Stumptown Park project with American Legion and its progress. It will be completed by end of October. Buying special bricks will be ongoing. Michael Vento will work on more information to see what we can do to help further with this project or extend project to other projects.
3. Guest Bill Campbell also spoke that he is advertising Veteran of the Year program to the residents at Plantation Estates. An invitation was extended to Bill to join the MVAC committee.
4. Next meeting is September 2nd, 2020.
5. The meeting was adjourned by vote at 8:13PM

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Tom Cannon

Chair MVAC

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